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1. [redacted] as long as Marshal Tito is alive, Yugoslavia will not return to the Soviet bloc, because Tito knows the Soviet system and will not be deceived. Instead, Tito will conduct normal diplomatic relations with the Soviets. In the meantime, Tito will play both sides of the fence, because he is in such a unique position. Tito knows that the West fears his return to the Soviet bloc and will play it for all it is worth. However, it would be embarrassing to Tito to reenter the Soviet bloc because of the treaty arrangements with Greece and Turkey. 25X1
2. [redacted] the Soviets now are telling the Yugoslavs that it was Stalin's dictatorial methods which caused the break between the two countries and that the present-day leaders of the Soviet Union had nothing to do with it. 25X1  
[redacted]  
if Tito died, somebody else in the Yugoslav hierarchy may be more friendly with the Soviets and thereby enter their camp. [redacted] Tito wants his country to be independent more than anything else. 25X1 25X1
3. [redacted] Soviet Ambassador Vasilii Alekseyevich Valkov has anything to do with the present Soviet move towards Yugoslavia. [redacted] this is handled either on the Moscow level or by some person other than Valkov in Belgrade. [redacted] the reason that the Soviets do not send a more qualified person to replace Valkov is because this would tip off the West to the fact that the Soviets are really out to bring the Yugoslavs back to their camp. 25X1 25X1

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